THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI B. R. BHAGAT) : (a) to (d) Government have seen press reports to this effect which have mostly emanated from Sikh extremist sources. The entire question of Sikh extremists' claims *vis-a-vis* Ecuador was taken up with the Govt. of Ecuador. We have been informed that all the Embassies and Consultates of Ecuador in different countries have been instructed to exercise a thorough check before granting visas.

The Government of Ecuador have officially conveyed to the Government of India that Ecuador recognises only the Government of India as the legitimate Government of the country. They have reiterated the sincere desire of the Government of Ecuador to maintain friendly and cordial relations with the Government of India and categorically stated that there has been no official contact of the Government of Ecuador with protagonists of Khalistan or any separatist or enthic movements.

The Government are keeping a close watch over the situation.

Transfer of nuclear technology from US to China

1947. DR. SHYAM SUNDAR MOHAPATRA : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware that there has been a transfer of nuclear technology from US to China; and

(b) if so, what action Government propose to take in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI B.R. BHAGAT) : (a) An Agreement for Cooperation concerning peaceful Uses of Nuclear Energy was signed between the Government's of the United States and China in Washington, D.C. on July 23, 1985. Under the provisions of the Agmreent, information and technology concerning the use of nuclear energy for peaceful purposes may be transfered by the United States to China (and vice versa). The Agreement will enter into force on the date of mutual notifications of the completion of legal procedures by the two Governments concerned. This is yet to be completed.

(b) The Agreement is a bilateral one, concluded between the Governments of the U.S. and China. However Govt. of India continue to closely follow developments relating to the Agreement in order to assess its implications on the security situation in our neighbourhood.

Drug abuses in Delhi

1948. SHRI J. K. JAIN : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that, of late, incidence of drug abuse in Delhi has grown manifold;

(b) whether any estimates have been made about the number of users and peddlers of narcotic and other dangerous drugs and psychotrophic substances ;

(c) if so, what are the details in this regard ; and

(d) what steps are being taken to control the situation and to punish the drug abusers and those who are responsible for enormity of the problem?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF STATES (SHRI P.A. SANGMA): (a) There has been an increasing trend in the incidence of drug abuse in Delhi.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.